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Chief Executive Officer

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER PROJECT-REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On February 12, 2013, the Board approved a motion by Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Yaroslavsky directing the Chief Executive Officer to:

- 1. Adopt the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with an attachment that lists the school-based health center sites throughout Los Angeles County (County) to facilitate efforts to coordinate and support services with other school districts pursuant to the MOU;
- 2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to designate a liaison who will monitor the implementation of the MOU with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) pursuant to the MOU to maximize coordination, serve as the primary source of information regarding the County's programs and services, facilitate and strengthen seamless referrals, as appropriate, support health plan enrollments, and coordinate with County departments; and
- 3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back in four months on the parties' progress to implement this MOU, including efforts to coordinate service delivery and a seamless referral system at school-based health centers, develop policy recommendations, develop standardized forms and processes to lawfully exchange health and education information, and work on various initiatives. The report back shall:

- a. Include a proposed plan to enable the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Probation to identify and refer youth under their supervision to available school health and wellness services at the school site at which the youth are enrolled, as appropriate; and
- b. Identify options to expand County-provided or funded services at the school based health centers with newly identified funds, and identify options for providing flexibility in current agreements with contracted providers to co-locate in school based health centers when and where it is appropriate.

To date, the County Work Group comprised of representatives from the DCFS, Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health, and Probation has:

- Developed a Project Plan/timeline for implementing an Integrated School Center (ISHC) Pilot;
- Created a set of criteria, in consultation with LAUSD and the School Health Center Policy Roundtable, for selecting the Pilot site;
- Drafted an initial set of protocols for referring DCFS and Probation youth under the departments' supervision to school health and wellness services offered at the Pilot; and
- Started to develop a preliminary menu of County services and supports that can be used in support of the Pilot.

Based on efforts underway, we are requesting an extension to finalize the details for an ISHC Pilot that would operate from September 2013 through May 2014. The Pilot would allow the County the opportunity to evaluate and fine-tune the ISHC model prior to recommending expansion to other sites. To achieve this goal the Work Group will have to achieve the following:

- Meet with the Pilot Site's leadership to:
  - Confirm mutual goals for the Pilot;
  - Discuss the preliminary menu of County services and supports;
  - Review draft referral procedures/protocols for DCFS and Probation youth, and other youth;
  - Identify service/resource gaps and develop solutions to address them; and
  - Develop a process for implementing the County-LAUSD Parent/Legal Guardian Authorization Form to Release and Share Information.
- Design a set of metrics and evaluation goals for the Pilot; and

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> Develop funding, leveraging and policy recommendations to support the Pilot and future ISHC implementation.

The CEO will continue to collaborate with the Board Offices to support and monitor the implementation of the Pilot; and to keep you informed of any new developments. We will provide you with an implementation update by October 16, 2013.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Antonia Jiménez at (213) 974-7365, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:ajimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov">ajimenez@ceo.lacounty.gov</a>.

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